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New officers of Ontario Christian Endeavor Union take over. Pictured (left to right) at annual convention in Fort Erie are: Matthew Dunlop, treasurer; Clyde Sherk, 2nd vice-president; Loma Sherk, secretary; Albert Day, president; James G. Laing, retiring president; Eileen McNeil, 3rd vice-president; Roy Currie, 1st vice-president, and Ray Zimmerman, field secretary.

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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary



You Have It! Keep It!

Do you appreciate what you have as a citizen in a "free" country? Thank God for the freedom we enjoy in America! One way of expressing gratitude for what we have is to rightly use our privileges and to help keep them. Christian Endeavor continues its Christian Citizenship Crusade to make youth aware of their freedoms, to stir youth to action and to alert youth to the dangers that threaten. With election-time upon us young people are being urged to vote, or if too young to do so, to get others to exercise this privilege. Announcement of the Fourth Annual Christian Citizenship Contest is made in this issue of The World. International Society leaders are active in the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. Endeavorers as citizens are engaged in many efforts. Texas youth staged a campaign against obscene literature. Keep alert! Keep active!

An Anniversary

October 20 marked the first anniversary of the occupancy of the new DANIEL A. POLING BUILDING at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, as headquarters of International Society of Christian Endeavor. The new structure was the first step in the United Advance of Christian Endeavor. The building has proven to be a valuable "equipment." Leaders are grateful to the many who helped in this enterprise.

For Your Information

Avedis Hassessian, a Christian Endeavor leader in Lebanon, is studying at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana - Dr. J. Allan Ranck becomes general director of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of National Council of Churches January 1. Dr. Ranck, who was formerly youth director of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, has served as chairman of the Program Council and Education Committee of International Society - Rev. and Mrs. J. Clinton Hoggard of Washington, D. C., are being congratulated on the arrival of James Clinton, Jr., September 28. Mr. Hoggard is former vice-president of International Society - Rev. George C. Southwell of Los Angeles, California, West Coast Secretary of American Leprosy Missions, Inc., died October 11. Mr. Southwell was former president and tield secretary of Ohio C. E. Union and exhibited displays at the last two International Conventions - Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, trustee of International Society, was honored on his 25th anniversary as pastor of Otterbein E.U.B. Church, Dayton, Ohio, October 10 - Rev. Ray C. Steinhart, of Lehighton, Pennsylvania, former field secretary of Maryland Union, has been made a Trustee of International Society as representative of the Evangelical Congregational Denomination - Dr. and Mrs. Harold Dudley assisted in directing a tour party to Europe this summer. Dr. Dudley is a member of the executive committee of International Society - Dr. Samuel Haas, president of New Jersey Union, spent the summer in the Holy Lands.

Jene Stone

An Adventure in World Friendship

Mabel Howard Tells of the Experiences She and Her Husband, Rev. Penn Howard, Enjoyed During A Year's Work With Christian Endeavor in Many Lands.

WHEN the challenge was given at Area One conference of the World's C. E. Union in Honolulu, Hawaii, in July, 1952, to build World Friendship, I decided that I wanted to do something about it.

Later when Rev. James Mather of Ceylon visited in our home he urged us to "come over and live with us."

Rome . . Athens . . Beirut . .

After much meditation and prayer, we sailed on the HOMELAND on May 28, 1953, for Naples, Italy. With ten wonderful days in Italy we visited our Rev. Roberto Comba in Rome and admired the Waldensian Church and Seminary. By air on the British turbo-jet Viscount we went to Athens to again stand on Mars Hill and repeat the word of St. Paul. Our next stop was at Beirut in Lebanon. We enjoyed the friendship of our Bible Land Secretary, Mr. Haddad of the Syrian Christian Endeavor Union, and had supper with Dr. P. Krikorian, President of the Armenian Union, along with the officers of Beirut.

Jerusalem . . Bethlehem . . Cairo . .

We spent five delightful days at the American Colony in Jerusalem and visited the Christian Approach Church in Bethlehem where Christian Endeavor is working among orphans. Next it was Cairo, Egypt, where we saw the Pyramids and the Nile. Because of a crowded schedule we were unable to attend the Christian Endeavor society meeting in Cairo as we had to embark on the VICTORIA at Port Said,

Karachi . . Bombay . . Kandy . . Our trip through the Suez Canal and the stop at Aden was delightful. We had a brief stay at Karachi and only two days in Bombay. We were privileged to spend nine delightful months at Kandy, Ceylon, and work and travel under the guidance of Rev. James Mather. Kingswood College was our base. My husband, was utilized by the Y.M.C.A. in an all-Island preaching mission. I served on the Y.W.C.A. board in Kandy for five months and also was advisor to the Youth Fellowship at Kandy. Many hours were spent in audio-visual work which was made possible through the American Embassy by the loan of sound projectors and films. One week I showed films to over 1100 boys and

Jabalpur . . Manila . . Hongkong . .

At three different times I commuted to India for work in Christian Endeavor. The first was an air flight to Jabalpur for the first All Indian Christian Endeavor convention in 16 years. I met our new field secretary, Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, and his delightful family. Following the convention I visited Delhi, Allahabad, and Lucknow, where I stayed at the Isabelle Thoburn College with Sarah Chakko. Then I went to Nagpur where I visited with Dr. Moses, dean of Hyslip College. On the second visit we spent the entire month of January around Vellore and the Arcot Mission where Christian Endeavor is very strong. We also attended the Centenary of the Dutch Reformed Church at Vellore and the Synod meeting of the Church of South India, in session at Madras. On the third visit we again stayed at Christian Endeavor headquarters and attended a session at the Guindy School where it was my privilege to present pins to all the Christian Endeavor girls. We sailed on Easter Monday from Colombo, Ceylon, with the first stop at Singapore. We spent a day at Manila and two at Hongkong.

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Members of the Christian Endeavor society at Coinbitour, South India, show some of their banners when Mrs. Penn Howard of Alexandria, Virginia, visited their group.

Mrs Solomon Doraisawmy and Mrs. Penn Howard look out of the window of the Christian Endeavor Headquarters building at Vellore, India (below, top).

Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard meet friends at Sherman School, Chitoor, India. (center, left). Left to right are: Sarah Swemmer, Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard, and Wilma Maasen, former president of Iowa Chris-tian Endeavor Union.

Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard are pictured (center, right) with leaders of the Christian Endeavor society at the Lyles Hospital which was the birthplace of Christian Endeavor in India.

The Howards take a picture of the Christian Endeavor society at Arcot Seminary where Rev. E. Tychicus, Vice President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is leader (he is at extreme right on back row).









Texas Endeavorers Crusade Against Obscene Literature

Christian Endeavorers in Texas have taken their citizenship seriously.

After passing a resolution at their annual convention some of the Endeavorers in Houston followed up with some real action in a crusade against obscene literature.

An editorial from THE TEXAS EN-DEAVORER tells the story:

"It is always gratifying when a resolution is not drawn up, read and approved, but acted upon. Among resolutions of our recent state convention was that Endeavorers call upon the legislative and law enforcement branches of our government to take action to prevent the sale of degrading literature and to help preserve the decency and morals of our youth.

"Christian Endeavorers of Houston did just this in their city!

"With the resolutions fresh on their minds, Houston Endeavorers determined upon their return to do something about such literature. Then when the manager of the Lucky 7 Stores in Houston announced that all of the Lucky 7 Stores were being cleared of degrading literature, the Endeavorers jumped in to crusade for such action throughout the city.

Speaks at Council Meeting

"Jimmy Carpenter wrote a letter to the Mayor, asking for an opportunity to be heard at the next meeting of the City Council. Jim Waltman, Chere Wiggins, Nelda Thomas, president of Harris County CE Union, and Mrs. Dorothy Wiggins, TCEU's high school age-level director, attended the meeting. Jim presented the case. He cited the action of the Lucky 7 Stores; the fact that the Fort Worth City Council had passed a law prohibiting the sale of such degrading literature; and pointed out the damaging effects of such literature on children and young people.

"The day after the council meeting, Fred Nahas, commentator for Station KXYZ, Houston, called Jim and asked that he discuss the subject on this radio program. Jim's talk was broadcast the evening of August 9.

"Other organizations and Houston newspapers, too, had joined the march against the degrading literature, and on August 25, 1954, the City Council of Houston, Texas, unanimously passed an ordinance for removal of all degrading crime, horror, and sex comic books from sale within thirty days.

"While we do not mean to imply that it was only through the efforts of the Houston Endeavorers that this action was taken, we do congratulate the Houston Endeavorers for the part they took, the efforts they exerted to have this worthwhile ordinance passed for their great city.

An Example

"A great idea born, an inspiring challenge is nil until it has resulted in action. The work of these young people can well be an example to Endeavorers throughout the State of the fruits which can be accomplished through determined efforts of young people. As a matter of fact, even as this is written, word has come to the editor of other Endeavorers who are taking similar action.

"Who can say that anything is hopeless, anything is impossible when we have young people such as these, committed to the work of Christ and His Church!"

Plan Television Programs

The North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union will have charge of morning chapel programs over Station WFMY-TV, Greensboro, N. C., the week of November 1. Sunday, November 7, Rev. Lloyd Sechriest, pastoral counselor will speak.

EXAMINE PACKET



Carl Herrmann, director of sales for the Publishing Department of International Society, shows literature in the Christian Endeavor Week Packet to Phyllis I. Rike (left), assistant to the General Secretary, and Mrs. Carl Herrmann, assistant to the Administrative Secretary. Orders are coming from societies and unions throughout North America for the packets which contain 21 items to give help in the celebration of the 74th anniversary of Christian Endeavor, January 30-February 7, 1955.

DR. MEADOWS HONORED

Vice-President of International Society Elected Head of Sabbath School Unit — Hurt in Auto Accident

Unit — Hurt in Auto Accident
Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-presi-



Dr. Meadows

dent of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, was chosen as president of the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association at its meetings in October.

Dr. Meadows, who is pastor of the King Street United Breth-

bersburg, Pa., has held many positions with the Sabbath School unit. He succeeds Dr. John D. Duff of Pittsburgh, who is a trustee of International Society.

Dr. Meadows is recovering from injuries sustained when he was in an automobile accident near Chambersburg, Pa., Saturday, October 16, returning from a rally of the Philadelphia Christian Endeavor Union. He suffered two broken ribs and chest bruises.

Hurricane Hits Church

During N. J. Convention

Two Christian Endeavorers received slight injuries when hurricane "Hazel" damaged the First Presbyterian Church of Paterson, New Jersey, during a session of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Convention October 15.

Herbert Gilfoy, field secretary of New Jersey, and Donald Black of Trenton, were caught under a shower of bricks when a portion of the roof and bricks supporting a gable were ripped off the main entrance of the edifice.

More than 500 delegates were present at the convention. The storm damage occurred while Rev. Ernest A. Elwell was leading the group in prayer. The young people without panic marched to the educational building while singing a hymn.

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Dr. Samuel Haas, professor at Bloomfield Seminary, was installed again as president of the union.

Nominations For Awards

Christian Endeavorers are eligible to nominate individuals for awards in the annual competition conducted by Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Speeches, editorials, cartoons, essays, pictures, sermons and other materials, which concern freedom and its preservation may be submitted. Awards total \$100,000. The final date entries can be made is November 11. Nomination blanks may be secured from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Christian Endeavor Plans Fourth Citizenship Contest

International Society To Give Prizes Totalina \$1,000 and Two Trips to Convention in Columbus, Ohio

Opportunity to win citizenship honors will again be given to youth of North America.

International Society of Christian Endeavor will conduct its fourth anqual Christian Citizenship, according to announcement recently made.

This is part of the continuing Christian Citizenship Crusade designed to alert young people to their responsibilities and duties as citizens and to arouse them to action.

Awards totaling \$1,000 in cash and two free trips to the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16, 1955, will be made to the winners.

Those who compete must write "A Letter to My Congressman" or, for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M.P." (not to exceed 1,000 words) on the subject "I Speak for Christian Citizenship" and submit a citizenship service record on his beliefs and activities.

Two Divisions

There will be two divisions in the competition for this fourth event. One will be for all youth who have not reached their 17th birthday by February 7, 1955. The second division will be for those youth who are 17 or over but have not reached their 25th birthday by February 7, 1955.

Similar awards will be given in each division. In each state and province a boy or girl will be chosen as the winners of the divisions and will then be eligible for competition in the nine regions of North America. Each regional winner will be in the finals for International judging.

Top honors for each division will go to the girl or boy in the United States or Canada judged the best on the basis of the letter and service record submitted. The first award will be \$200 in cash plus the payment of all expenses to the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, Special recognition will be given to these first place winners and others at

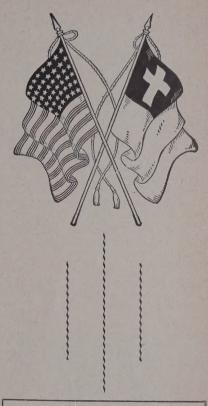
The second award will be \$100 in cash and the third \$50. For the next six runners-up in the International fi-nals in each division there will be prizes of \$25 for each.

Send Entries To Columbus

All youth entering the contest must send a Notification of Participation to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, by February 7, 1955. The letter and service record must be in the hands of the judges of the state or province where the youth lives no later than March 1, 1955. Announcement of the top winners will be made May 1 or shortly thereafter.

Jana Woodrum of Berthoud, Colorado, took first honors in the contest this year. She is 16 and is now studying at Cottey Junior College, Nevada, Missouri. The second honors in the 1954 contest were taken by Rita Jean Trent of Vincennes, Indiana. Third place went to Lucigrace Switzer of Grand Island, Nebraska.

Further information concerning the contest may be secured by writing to the International Society of Christian Endeavor or by contacting leaders of state and provincial unions. Citizenship directors are taking care of the promotion of the contest and the judging in their areas.



NOTIFICATION OF

PARTICIPATION (Request for official entry blanks) Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest (Valid only if postmarked no later than February 7, 1955) Christian Citizenship Director International Society of Christian Endeavor 1221 East Broad Street Columbus 16, Ohio I hereby enter the CHRISTIAN EN-DEAVOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD CONTEST Please send me the official entry blanks and other information. I have requested official entry blanks from my state or provincial Christian Endeavor Union office (Please check above statements) (Please Print) Street and Number City and State Local Church (Denomination)

conditions outlined above.

Signature of Applicant

Via The Eye And Ear

Words to the Wise

by Amy Deck Faust

I T'S probably true that a "word to the wise is sufficient." Many words to a foolish person won't be much help, but a few words to the wise can often save headaches and heartaches. So let's begin with words. What words? Words about equipment this time.

We have spent a little time evaluating the slides and filmstrips that were on the market currently for the church. In recent issues we've suggested that Village of the Poor, City Story, Stranger in the House, and other 16mm films should be used, but now's the time to talk seriously about the equipment.

Know Equipment

No film, filmstrip, or slide can be shown without equipment. Even a magazine picture or a book demands a screen, opaque projector (or some other similar form of a projector) and an operator, if projection is to take place. Unfortunately many, many people don't know the difficulty of getting equipment and treating it well.

While to some people it is obvious that a motion picture projector is necessary for the use of a motion picture film, yet the same sentence means nothing to others. Just a few hours ago an entire program was almost ruined because the program chairman had a 16mm film and she mistakenly thought that it could be run on any kind of a projector. She borrowed a slide projector from the school. When the high school student came to set up, he found the woman's grave error, but the school was closed, stores closed, and only after frantic work did he finally come up with an answer just minutes before the crowd arrived.

My brethren, such things ought not to be." It just isn't necessary in this day for us to let ourselves make mistakes like this. Motion picture films MUST be run on motion picture projectors. There are many manufacturers; Ampro, Bell and Howell,

RCA, Victor, and many others. But, we must remember that no matter what the make, we must be sure that the width of the film agrees with the projector. Theatre film is 35mm wide. Our usual film in churches is 16mm wide. We won't need a theatre projector, but we will need a 16mm projector to show 16mm film. Many people have 8 mm projectors in their homes, but this can show only the narrow 8mm film. Be sure the projector is the width of the film, no matter who the manufacturer is.

Then, another word to the wise. Some silent projectors are around. ALWAYS REMEMBER that a silent projector can show only silent film. If you have a sound film, as most of us have, you MUST have a sound projector. A sound projector can show sound film, and also show silent film, but the silent projector can do only the one thing—show silent film, so it's almost obsolete for most of our work.

Using Sound Film

And now, another word. Most sound film is run on an optical track. These days, we have so many inventions. Some of us have films using a magnetic track, or giving us the choice of either optical or magnetic. If such is the case, remember thtat you have to have a sound projector equiped to show motion picture film and use magnetic sound, if you wish to use the magnetic sound track. Several of our big manufacturers now come completely equipped to use optical or magnetic. The change is made only by a flick of the switch, but be sure the switch is there to flick if you want to use "Aunt Susie's" commentary instead of the professional optical track already recorded.

Well, whether you use sound or not, you'll likely want color, but all of these machines are equipped to show black and white, or color on the same projector. Here's one jump that the projectors have on TV sets—at least for the present. There's lots more to be said, but we'd like to simply state the following words of wisdom now, and follow with more material and more equipment rules later;

- Know what you want to project.
 Order it well in advance.
- 3. Provide the proper equipment. 4. Check cables, fuses, extra lamps, etc., in advance.
- 5. Thread and preview the film, then re-wind thread and frame for the performance.
- Take your thanks and bows grace-fully and put away the equipment carefully for another day. Good luck.

World Friendship

(Continued from page 3)

Tokyo . . Honolulu . .

A month's stay in Japan was most delightful. Through the efforts of Rev. Akira Ebisawa and his son, Yoshimichi, we were privileged to meet many Christian Endeavor groups and spoke in churches in Tokyo and Yokohama. We also had programs in the Y.M.C.A. at Kobe. Rev. Akira Ebisawa, the secretary of the Japan Christian Council, arranged meetings in Tokyo and a fine luncheon to meet the Christian leaders. From Japan we sailed on the PRESI-DENT liner to exotic Hawaii. Here we met the Hawaiian Choir and Bill Donlin and Walter Nomura. Mr. Howard was so in love with the Islands that he refused to return to the mainland, so I must go back to Hawaii for six months or a year until we find a calling to another field of volunteer service for our great Christian Endeavor Movement.

My greatest joy in returning to the states was to welcome our India field secretary, Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, when he came for the World's Convention in Washington.

HOLD YOUTH REVIVAL

The Roanoke Union of Virginia conducted its 7th annual Youth Revival in Belmont Christian Church August 2-8. Ray Hansen, Jr. was the evangelist. Conferences on vocations were conducted in connection with the revival. Speakers included: J. W. Rhodes, business man; Mrs. Virginia Whitt, director of Religious Education; Dr. E. W. Rushton, educator; Dr. Harry B. Stone, physician; Mrs. John Adams, public health nurse; George Draper, attor-ney; and Carl E. Campbell, U.S. Navy.

EIGHT SOCIETIES IN CHURCH

An additional Grade School Christian Endeavor organized at the Highland Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado, brings the number of societies in that local congregation up to eight. The societies beside the new one are Senior Adult, Adult, Young Married and College, High School, Junior High, Grade School, and a Cradle Roll.



OREGON LEADERS

Members of Business Committee discussing plans are (left to right): Back row - Mike Walters, Rev. Richard Merriman, president; Marshal Watkins, William Arthur, and Wilmer Gardner. Frond row — Dorothy Howes, Marjory Boon, Joan Mitchel and Rev. Walter Fruitiger.



Christian Endeavorers Keep Enthusiasm High

TRAIN AT RETREAT (above)—Youth of the Appalachian District of Tennessee Union conducted meetings at Milligan College. Rev. Gerald Holmquist served as chairman with Rev. Leo Ernst as assistant. Jimmy Hensley (shown extreme left on front row), who was a runner-up in the finals of the Citizenship Contest of International Society, was registrar.

VIRGINIA LEADERS (lower left)—Phyllis G. Brown, head counsellor for State Convention talks with Student Council officers. Pictured (left to right) are: Seated—Mrs. D. A. Young, state president; Arlington Crawford, secretary; Jackie Diamond, president; Alice Goodman, convention program chairman. Standing—Jeannette Riddle, Eleanor Downes, Janet Deyerle, Fred Spain and Marian Smith, council representatives.

SPONSORS ORGANIZE (lower right)—A Christian Endeavor Council composed of 20 adults, advisors and counsellors to various Christian Endeavor Societies of Knox Presbyterian Church, Spokane, Washington. These are now serving three societies and will assist a fourth to be organized. Couples serving as advisors for the three groups are (l. to r.): Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallis, Junior High Society; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Groves, Junior Society; and Mr. and Mrs. William Hoppe, Junior, Senior High Society. Albert Arend, vice-president of International Society, and Mrs. Arend are head of the Council.



TEACH ENDEAVORERS (above)—Some of the leaders and speakers at the conference of the Golden Rule Union held at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, are (left to right): Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society; Phil Reed, field secretary, Golden Rule Union; Mahlon Hetrick, president, District of Columbia Union; Rev. Jerry A. Moore, vice-president, International Society; Dema Saunders, conference leader and Rev. T. Ewell Hopkins, pastor counselor.





Young
Adult
Workshop

Know Your MINISTER

M ANY are the signs that people in the United States and Canada regard their churches as more essential than ever.

As evidence, look at the great gains in recent years in church membership and church attendance. And the numerous buildings being erected or enlarged, so that worship and religious education will be available to more people in more communities. The book trade cannot get over the growing importance and popularity of works which have a spiritual message.

The minister shares in all this because the leadership ministers gave, and give, churches surely contributes to the respect and attention communities are giving their churches. Many a community today prides itself on the ministers who live and work there. Pastors are definitely considered community assets.

Minister Serves Community

The idea that the minister of a typical church is in a sense a spokesman, counselor and leader for a whole community is relatively new to many North American Protestants. Many a leading layman in a church of a generation ago would have been both displeased and alarmed by any such concept of what being pastor of a church comprises.

But in our present forward-looking proposals that community life be given spiritual direction . . . that homes work with churches and schools to give the child a full preparation for life . . . that evangelism is a never-ending responsibility for Christ's people . . . that united action by Christians be encouraged locally as well as in wider areas—the minister my church calls is commissioned to serve the community and not merely a group of communicants organized as a religious society.

"At that point," one recent graduate from a theological seminary says, "I believe we are getting closer to what Jesus did and what He wants us to do today than in any previous period of free-church history."

What The Pastor Does

The conscientious pastor in a church of, say, 400 to 500 members is a busier man than 90 per cent of the folks in the area will imagine.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Young Adult groups who have experienced successful plans and programs are invited to send a story about them to this Young Adult Workshop. Write to "The Christian Endeavor World." 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

One minister's wife made a record of her husband's working time for a period of weeks and came up with this typical sevendays breakdown:

Interviews in the study, usually with troubled or bewildered persons Visiting the sick, newcomers, needy, shut-ins Meetings of groups in the congregation, including 10 time for planning Pinch-hitting for persons who planned to teach or lead, but couldn't be present Weddings, deaths, etc. Office details (letters, phone calls, filing) Overseeing janitor and other "housekeeping" details Sermon preparation and study 12 Community and denominational

Perhaps not many ministers or their wives are so well prepared as was this one couple to answer the question, What does a minister do?

Also the schedules will vary from church to church, and in different seasons. A pastor who was to serve his denomination in teaching at a summer youth conference relates that his preparation for the assignment required about 60 hours, spread over about six weeks. One experienced pastor mentions that he can prepare most sermons in five hours or less, but in some instances he has spent 15 hours or more in selection, arrangement and phrasing of a message which would consume 20 to 25 minutes in its delivery.

A sidelight on the minister's place in the community is a comment by one clergyman that half the weddings he performs and a large proportion of funerals involve persons and families outside the congregation. A pastor who speaks well on secular subjects could usually spend 10 hours a week at luncheons and dinners—to say nothing of the time spent in preparing talks.

"My church has about 400 members," one pastor remarks, "and in a year's service I probably have contacts with at least 3,000 people in this and neighboring communities."

Varied Assignments

Go on from time spent in Christian service to the dimensions of the message and influence. Look at the varied services and forms of activity now commonly assigned to the pastor, or in the larger churches, the pastor and a staff. Some of the assignments are:

By Bert H. Davis

- 1. Proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour and Master and Redeemer of all men, making it possible for everyone within the reach of the ministry to accept Christ and become a part of the Christian Church.
- 2. Offer personal counsel, spiritual guidance, Christian sympathy and fellowship to individuals and families.
- 3. Present by sermons, talks and by other public means, God's messages to men, suited to the needs of the congregation and to the times.
- 4. Lead or alertly aid in Christian education for all ages and in fellowship and recreational programs.
- 5. Inspire the church to know about and strongly support missions at home and overseas, to bear the Gospel "to every child of God anywhere."
- 6. Promote interchurch comity and activities, the cause of world peace, the ideal of universal brotherhood.
- 7. Lead the community to advance in social, political and economic standards and practice, and to reduce unwholesome and unworthy actions and influences.
- 8. Provide personal and family example which will serve to influence others of the community toward righteous living, integrity, devotion to family, consecration to high purposes.

Leader of Volunteers

Your minister is also engaged in one of the most difficult of operations, considered by secular standards—that of acting as full-time professional leader of a great host of volunteers.

Without those volunteers, many of whom do valiant, untiring and effective work for the church and its agencies, what we know as Protestant affairs couldn't exist. Recruiting, training and assigning the volunteers is a hard task at best, but the minister frequently finds it further complicated by these factors: (1) Some of us are sensitive to slights or supposed favoritism; (2) Some are quick to make promises, slow to perform the duties they assumed; (3) Because church work is a marginal-time action for volunteers, the volunteer may fail to appear when he is expected to teach, preside or speak. The minister usually becomes the one who does the task someone forgot and substitutes for the person who couldn't be present.

And your part, my part, in making the minister's service count for most? Each of us for himself must determine how and when and by what means he can do all possible to aid in voluntary capacities and to conserve and build upon what the minister does for church and community. As a beginning, let each of us better understand the responsibilities with which we as a church have invested our pastor and something of the scope and magnitude of the work in which he is engaged in our behalf. Perhaps this review, brief and in-complete though it must be, will encourage more Young Adults, as individuals and as groups, to volunteer more readily and to work more devotedly and unselfishly in a strong team relationship with the minister. He is not our master, he is more than our servant. He is the senior partner in the great work of the Christian church, into which we too are called for the best service we can give.

The First Epistle to The Christian Endeavorers-Chapter 13

By K. Jeevaneson of the Vellore (India) Christian Endeavor Union

Though I speak with the tongues of scientific knowledge and religious wisdom and have not love I am as blaring siren or hooting sound of motor car horn.

Though I have the gift of knowledge to understand the mysteries of the human frame; and though I have all faith that I could cure lame and blind, and have not love I am nothing.

Though I refuse well-paid jobs, and though I sacrifice my health and wealth for Christ and the Church and have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

Though I reduce the chronic spread of the 'Arya Samaj' and widespread of non-Christianity and immorality to nil and have not the redemptive love for unsaved sinners, I am wasting my time.

Though I gain a distinction in the Christian Endeavor and qualify myself to command the Christian Community with all sacred decorations and live without a burning love for my fellow-men, I shall fail to do my promise 'For Christ and the Church.'

Love suffereth long and is kind to all caste and creed; love envieth not others for their clothes, cars or degrees; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up by contrasting itself with other communities.

Love never gets irritated with anyone, however stupid, lazy or dirty; seeketh not her own way with the loud voice in committees or conventions; is not easily provoked if staff are dictatorial or fellow Endeavorers irresponsible; thinketh no disloyal thoughts and speaketh no unkind words about any staff or member of Christian Endeavor society.

Love beareth all monotonous duties, believeth the best of everybody, hopeth with confidence for God-directed leaders, endureth all set backs along the road to these great ends.

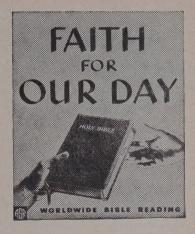
Love never faileth to give us the answer for every situation; but where there is communal ambition, that shall fail; where there is unaided human cleverness, that shall cease to give results; where there is pride of intellect or creed or race, that shall vanish away.

And now these three virtues shall endure, faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love for 'CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.'

- India Christian Endeavor



CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST—This is the theme of a growing movement among Americans to demonstrate that they are fed up with the kind of Christmas cheer that comes out of a bottle. Many groups including young people are seeking to remind their communities that Christmas is Christ's birthday. A special stamp is being used to help in this enterprise. These may be secured through the National Temperance League, Inc., 131 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington 3. D. C.



Bible Readings

From Thanksgiving

To Christmas

Again this year the American Bible Society is sponsoring Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The readings listed below exemplify the theme for this year—Faith For Our Day.

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NOVEMBER

25	ThanksgivingPsalms 1
26	Psalms 23
	Psalms 27
	Sunday John 1:1-34
	Psalms 37
30	Psalms 46

DECEMBER

1	Psalms 51
	Psalms 91
3	
4	Psalms 121
5	Sunday Isaiah 40
6	Isaiah 53
7	Isaiah 55
8	Matthew 5
9	Matthew 6
10	Matthew 7
11	Luke 15
12	Universal Bible Sunday John 3
13	John 10
14	John 14
15	John 15
16	John 17
17	Romans 8
18	Romans 0
19	Sunday Corinthians 13
20	I Corinthians 15
21	Ephesians 6
22	Philippians 4
23	Hebrews 11
24	Revelation 21
25	Christmas Luke 2:1-20

Ask Your Friends

To Become Members

of The Quiet Hour



- DECEMBER 5 -

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add
his own thoughts, experiences, and other
illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make
clear the purposes of the meeting.

The topic today is the concluding one in a series of two, entitled "Our Responsibility To God." This emphasis was begun in last week's topic, and may be found in the October issue of The Christian Endeavor World. Read this preceding topic for background, and to assure a continuity. Obviously this is a series on Christian stewardship. This should be the keynote through-out. Last week we considered the use of the money we have. Today we give thought to the time we have at our disposal. Both money and time should be conserved and expended in a Christian manner. It may be interesting to make a blackboard outline of one's typical day. Then consider how to properly budget the hours for the good of God, others, and self. Compare both our actual schedule with one that is balanced and well-planned.

Try to bring out what proportion of the Christian's time should be used for religious purposes. Set some standards together for a proper distribution of time for worship, service, work, recreation, etc.

Today is Consecration Sunday, traditionally observed the first Sunday of each month. The purpose of this is a dedication to some new and higher purpose. A special emphasis may be placed upon this today. As the roll of society members is called, let each one state some new task he will do in a part of God's time. Or let there be moments of meditation and response for a better use of one's total time. Or perhaps give

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

1. What is Stewardship?

2. What do we mean by the "stewardship of time"? 3. How much time do we really to "spend" as we choose?

4. How much time should we give for God's service? For others?

5. How much time should be spent in prayer and worship?

6. How can we "rob God" of time? 7. Of what value to a Christian is a "time budget"?

The Time I Have to Spend

Second Topic in a Series on "Our Responsibility To God"

I Peter 4:11; I Corinthians 10:31

Scripture verses pertaining to stewardship. Or better yet, plan out something original.

Aim of The Topic

1. To bring out God's teaching for us in the matter of the use of our time and possessions.

2. To consider how to properly use

our own time.

Life Is a Stewardship

All of life must indeed be considered as a stewardship. There is no part of our existence that is not utterly dependent upon Almighty God. There is, by the same token, no part that should be withheld from Him. A comprehensive delineation of steward-ship is given by a modern writer, "All that I am,—all that I have,—all that I know,—all that I can do,—is a trust from God, to be used for my highest good,—for the blessing of my fellow man, -for the glory of God,and for the advancement of His Kingdom." Truly this gives a broader view than we sometimes find convenient. Our conventional ideas of stewardship are so limited and comfortable, so selfish and futile!

Can you name any area of life that is not

dependent upon God?

Time Is Life

Often when we think of stewardship, or when we consider our responsibility to God, we think only of material possessions. Money is the commodity most frequently recognized. Indeed, last week we discussed our obligations regarding money. Time, how-ever, is the very essence of life itself. "For the days of our years are three score years and ten—" the Bible tells us in the 90th Psalm. Our years on earth are very limited, -and they are made up of days. Days break down into hours, minutes, and seconds. Thus when we "spend" an hour, or a moment, we are spending, or "using up" a definite part of our lives. Whether the time be well-spent or foolishly, we have given up a segment of our life-span. How important it is that we use time wisely. "Who loses a day loses life," Emerson reminds us.

The effects of our use of time are cumulative, also. When we use it well we build automatically for other experiences of value. When we use it for evil purposes we at once commit ourselves to further waste and wickedness. It wastes still more valuable time trying to get ourselves out of the con-sequences of our folly. Waste, like sin,

breeds more of itself!

Time is a divine gift of God. We have a limited measure of it. Let us be diligent in its use and in conserving its value, lest we throw away precious life itself. Shakes-peare had said, "I wasted time and now doth time waste me."

What is more valuable than time?

God's Time Or Ours?

In the final analysis of time, "that black and narrow isthmus between two eternities," we must realize that it is not fully our own. Our time is in reality God's; we have but a life-interest in it. Perhaps that is why

A SEED THOUGHT

"It has been said incorrectly, 'Time goes.' Alas, time stays,

we never seem to have enough of it. We use it selfishly, as though it were our own, and wonder why it is not greater and more fruitful. Man seems deficient in nothing so much as he is in time. To acknowledge God's rightful claim to our lives, and so to our every moment, is the beginning of wisdom. It is the open door to greater blessing and joy. All that we do here on earth relates itself to our Heavenly experience. Thoreau once said, "As if you could kill

time without injuring eternity.

To accept the definition of stewardship given above, we must then live our lives in awareness of the use of our time. If it is God's, it must be used for the glory of God. For those who have faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and who are endeavoring to serve Him in daily life, there is no alternative but to serve Him every moment. Time is so precious. It is imperative that whatever we have to do for God should be done now. Now is the accepted time of our salvation. Now is the time for beginning the great and wonderful things we aspire to do "someday." We can best serve God by doing everything to His glory.

Think for a moment of time wasted in the past. Couldn't some of those wasted moments, or days, have been put to more profitable use for God?

"My Moments and My Days"

"Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise."

Thus we sing in Frances Havergal's glorious hymn of consecration. Only as we thoughtfully use our "moments and our days" can we fully say that which precedes it, "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee." Our moments are vitally important, for in an unguarded one we may destroy our future lives and happiness. Decisions take but a moment,-but their consequences last forever! Our days are important also, for in these we invest our talents, our energies, our possessions, our very faith. Days represent our vocations, our leisure pursuits, our Christian service.

A generous portion, at least a tithe, of our time should be spent in service for God. He has many ways to use each one of us. A proportionate share should be used also for the good of others. To do less is to rob

God of that which is His own.

What do we mean of our moments, to "let them flow in ceaseless praise"?

From The Book of Books

M., Nov. 29. Contrasted Lives. Fsalm 1. T., Nov. 30. Responsible for Own 14fe. Ezek. 18:19-23.

W., Dec. 1. Self-Accountability. Rom. 14:7-12.

T., Dec. 2. A Life Well Spent.
F., Dec. 3. Serving Christ.
S., Dec. 4. True Gain.
Sun., Dec. 5. Topic—The Time I Have to Spend.

I Peter 4:11; I Cor. 10:31.

God's Promises to Us

First Topic in a Series on "Bible Certainties"

I Kings 8:56; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6

Our Aims

l. To note God's precious promises to His children.

2. To see how God keeps His prom-

3. To live in the certainty that if we are faithful God will be faithful.

To The Leader

These two topics on Bible certainties could be union meetings with other age groups. Invite Bible-believing adults to give their testimonies on the assuredness of God's fulfilment of His promises in their lives. Someone suggests that the reason the Bible is important is because it has many valuable teachings or sign-posts for our living. If you wish to discuss this point with your group introduce it with some suggestion such as: Sign-posts we know are to direct our way, to tell us where we are going.

What are some of the sign-posts in the Bible that help in our search for God?

What stories in the Bible can you think of that might be called sign-posts? For example, what sort of a sign-post does the story of the Good Samaritan set up? The story of the talents?

What Bible characters have helped to

set up sign-posts?

After you have listed these characters, go through the list asking these questions: Which of these (1) were perfect individuals? (2) thought they were perfect? (3) were failures?

God's Eternal Promise

Jesus Himself is God's promise to us—God's promise of salvation and help. He is God for us as well as God with us.

God promises the Spirit to those that ask earnestly (Luke 11:13). That is to say, God promises Himself, His love, power and fulness, to childlike faith.

God's promises embrace all our needs. If there are no words that exactly fit us, then we have the promise of Himself; and with Him we have everything.

The Preciousness of the Promises

1. They are precious because they are so great. (a) Great in extent; (b) great in

value; (c) great in number.

2. They are precious because they are sure of fulfilment. Every promise is built upon four pillars: God's justice, which will not suffer Him to deceive; God's grace or goodness, which will not suffer Him to forget; God's truth, which will not suffer

From God's Word

M., Nov. 29. God Promises to Answer Prayer.
Mark 11:22-24.
T., Nov. 30. God Promises Physical Needs.
Fsalm 37:3-5.
W., Dec. 1. God Promises Salvation by Faith.
Acts 16:30, 31.
T., Dec. 2. God Promises Forgiveness.
I John 1:7-9.
F., Dec. 3. God Promises Eternal Life.
I John 2:25.
S., Dec. 4. God Promises Communion with Christ.
Guist.—God's Promises to Us.
I Kings 8:56; isa. 7:14; 9:6.

Him to change; Gods power, which makes

Him able to accomplish.

3. They are precious in that all good is included in them. Everything we can need, far beyond our power to conceive, is promised from God.

A Look at God's Promises

God's promises are many. Throughout the entire Bible, in both the Old and the New Testaments, we find God's promises scattered. From the first chapter of Genesis, where God promises our first parents dominion over all His Creation, to the last chapter of Revelation, where we read of the glory of the home which is prepared for the faithful ones of God, we find His word is filled with promises to His people.

God's promises are great. He has promised His servants many wonderful things. He tells us that if we believe on Jesus, we shall be saved from our sins. He tells us that if we serve Him faithfully while He permits us to live on earth, He will give us a home with Him in heaven. In heaven we are promised wonderful peace and happiness in being always with Him.

God's promises are precious. They comfort us when we are sad, rest us when we are tired, cheer us when we are lonely, strengthen us when we are weak and when we are tempted, encourage us when the way seems dark and we feel like giving up to the evil around us.

God's promises are eternal and unchangeable. They stand forever. "He does not make one set of promises for one century, and then gives those up and makes some more." Those that He made to His servants so long ago—to Noah and Abraham and the others—still hold good today after all these thousands of years. Neither does God have certain promises for certain nations or peoples, and other promises for others. His promises apply to everybody, everywhere, all the time.

God is able to keep His promises. He is all-powerful. He can overcome anything which lies in the way of the fulfilment of any of His promises. He promised Abraham that His children should live in Canaan. And although Pharaoh did everything he could to keep the children of Israel in Egypt, God led them out of slavery in that strange land and back into the Promised Land.

God is faithful in keeping His promises. He not only is able to keep them, but He does keep them. The Bible is full of stories of how God kept His Word to His people. In the stories of the lives of missionaries and others of God's faithful servants we find again and again that He never forgot His promises to them. And even in our own lives and experiences, we have seen proofs that "He is faithful that promised."

We must do our part. Harry lived in the country and had to walk two miles to school every day. One snowy winter morning his father said to him, "I have to go to town today, Harry, and if you will be at the cross-roads at half-past three, I will come past that way and bring you home." Harry was delighted for the cross-roads

Intermediate



— DECEMBER 5 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

were just half a mile from school. Several times during the day he thought of his father and the promised ride. When school dismissed at three o'clock, several of the boys began making a snow-fort. Harry became so interested that before he knew it, it was nearly half-past three. He ran all the way to the cross-roads, but when he got there he saw his father's sleigh far in the distance on the road toward home. Father had been there on time, able and willing to keep his promise, but Harry had not been ready—he had not done his part.

So it is with the promises our Heavenly Father has given us. They are all conditioned upon our doing His commandments.

Understand Jesus' Message

Four thousand years ago, people didn't know there was such a thing as electricity. Even forty years ago not many people had even dreamed of radios in every house. But, if electricity had been discovered and put to use, they could have had radios and

television at any time.

Electricity is a very small and common thing compared to the promises of God. But they have this one thing in common: they are always there. It's up to us human beings to discover them. We who are Christians believe that Jesus understood those promises. But even His best friends couldn't always discover what Jesus meant by His words; neither did the people to whom the disciples talked. For that matter, we today do not always understand Jesus' message, so that even those who call themselves Christian try always to check up on their ideas of living to see if they can discover how they might live more truly as followers of Jesus.

Assignment for Next Week

Ask the members of the group to come prepared to mention their favorite Old Testament stories. You may also ask them to be ready to tell the stories or, if you prefer, you may assign stories to four or five of your best story-tellers.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What in the Bible have you found to be of importance for living?
2. Are there any Christian ideals that are not practiced today which would be helpful in making a world of happier and better people? If so, why aren't these ideas carried out?
3. What do we mean when we say

3. What do we mean when we say that Jesus lives in the lives of certain persons? Can he live in our

lives today? If so, how?



DECEMBER 12 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these

Pray for God's blessing and help. Study the Bible selections given. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other

illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today's leader has a unique opportunity in preparing this meeting. This is "Bible Sunday," observed nationally and internationally. Present as much factual material as possible about the Bible. Secure figures and statistics about its distribution and use, locally as well as on a national level. Try to cause your members to begin reading it more regularly and effectively. (Presenta-tion of the "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" Pledge, from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, will greatly aid this.) In all, try to point out why this is a most "uncommon" Book, and why we should use it more in our daily lives.

Aim of The Topic

l. To see why and how the Bible is an uncommon, wonderful Book.

2. To inspire a greater use of this Word of God.

A Book That Is Different

Our "Uncommon Book" is God's own Holy Word, known and loved by all of us. The Bible is different. It is "the most priceless possession of the human race." unique in that God is the author. The Bible is the only Book that can claim Divine authorship. It is the Word of God, yet no other book has been more viciously attacked. There have always, as today, been those who have tried to destroy the Holy Bible, yet it always will continue. Jesus Himself said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away. It continues as the best selling book in the world. The Bible reveals God's truth to us; in its message we learn of God's plan of salvation and of our responsibility to God. We can't expect to understand, teach, or live the Word of God, unless we study it. A Living Book

Edwin Hodder in a popular hymn, has described the Bible as "a garden, a deep,

A SEED THOUGHT "O may I love Thy precious Word,

May I explore the mine, May I its fragrant flowers glean, May light upon me shine.'

Our "Uncommon" Book

Hebrews 4:12; II Peter 1:21

(Universal Bible Sunday)

deep mine, and a starry host." Thus, he has expressed the living, vibrant character of the Book that is unique in literature. In the fullest sense, however, it must be remembered that it is not alone a book, but a libered that is not about a book, but related volumes. These "Books of the Bible" contain history, poetry, prophecy, high adventure, romance, and the biography and message of Jesus, the Son of God. The Word has been printed in more than a thousand languages or dialects, being used universally as a source of wisdom and inspiration. It is not, as some cynic has suggested, "as out-dated as last year's almanac, but it is rather a living book, designed to be used as regularly as physical food, to meet each and every condition of daily life.

A Growing Popularity

Long ago Robert Ingersoll, speaking in the city of Denver, predicted that in fifty years there would not be fifty persons who believed in the Bible. Today, however, the annual distribution of this book of the ages by the American Bible Society alone is about 10,000,000. No truly great piece of literature is ever obsolete—and this is the greatest of all. It is well nigh impossible to read any worthwhile paper, magazine, or book without finding references and illustrations that have their origins within its covers. The practical test of daily use and value in all areas of human activity affirms

its life and vitality.

Name some familiar references and quotations, used in modern life, whose origin is the Bible. Discuss the significance of this.

Defense or Practice?

It is heartening to realize, despite a belligerent inner feeling toward those who do not accept it as readily as we, that the Word of God does not seriously need our defense. It requires only our exposition of it and our practice of its message. We shall attempt herein no proofs of it, or of the truth of its divine nature, though both external and internal proofs are abundant. Rather let us give emphasis to the role this "uncommon book" can play in our exeryday experiences. To make it live in and through our lives is of greater value than making it acceptable to our minds.

The Apostle Paul has said, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Timothy 3: 16, 17.)

That which is inspired by God is surely profitable for correction of our errors and judgment, and for instruction in ways of righteous living which all basically desire to follow. In moments of clear vision we aspire to the finest things in life. It is only when vision becomes fogged by selfish forgetfulness that we stoop to the lower levels of thought and conduct. His Word is the best pattern to follow if one would strive to measure up to His stature. Its spiritual guidance re-affirms its life and value.

Bible Readings

M., Dec. 6. God's Word Foremost.

Deut. 6:4-9. T., Dec. 7. God's Word Inspired.
II Tim. 3:14-17.

W., Dec. 8. Using God's Word.

T., Dec. 9. God's Word Brings Action.

H. Chron. 34:29-33.

F., Dec. 10. Purposeful Fulfillment of God's Word.

S., Dec. 11. The Eternal Word.

Sun., Dec. 12. Topic—Our "Uncommon" Book. Heb. 4:12; II Peter 1:21 (Bible Sunday).

Discuss ways in which the Bible can be merely defended, without being practiced.

Meets Needs of World

The Living Word has a many-sided ministry in the world, and is God's answer to many universal problems. It has been called the Bread of Life—and the world is hungry, painfully hungry for that which it cannot supply for itself. It has been called a "Lamp unto our feet"-and the world is in deep darkness, with many of its traditional lights forever extinguished. It has been called a Guide Book to life's road—and we are lost, groping helplessly along. How we need to embrace the Scriptures and their vital message for this day.

What is our part in helping the Bible to its intended work in the world today?

A Present Help

The old Yukon Trail, over which thousands passed, seeking the rich gold deposits at its nothern terminus, and whose rigors claimed countless lives, has recently revealed a long-buried secret. Shallow deposits of gold in large quantities have been discovered along its beaten way, only inches under the very spots where eager prospectors camped and forged on ahead to the envisioned goal beyond. Little did these seekers of the days of '98 realize that what they sought, they were unknowingly overlooking near at hand.

How like our own experience this is! We modern pilgrims seek far and wide for wisdom, for adequate life philosophies, for proper patterns of behavior; yet how often we neglect that which is near at hand. The Book of Life contains the Way of Life; it is a present help!

How has the Bible helped you, or others, to plan life and live it more fully?

ABOUT THE BIBLE

- I. How is the Bible an "uncom-
- mon book"?

 2. The leader or pastor may present some historical evidences of the Bible's struggle for existence, showing its divine life.

3. What are the best illustrations

of the living quality of the Bible?

4. How can it become an "Everyday Bible"?

5. What does this "uncommon

book" mean to you personally?

Truths That Jesus Taught

Second Topic in a Series on "Bible Certainties"

Matthew 7:23-25

(Universal Bible Sunday)

Jur Aims

1. To note what Jesus taught about

Himself.

2. To understand Jesus' teachings about sin, repentance and the King-

3. To gain great Bible truths for our

For the Worship Program

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

CALL TO WORSHIP: Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.—2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

HYMN: "Faith of Our Fathers."

LEADER: We will now have the testimony of what some Presidents of the United States have said about the Bible:

FIRST READER: Thomas Jefferson said: "I always have said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the Bible will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands."

SECOND READER: John Quincy Adams aid: "So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society.'

THIRD READER: Andrew Jackson said: "The Bible is true. Upon that sacred volume I rest my hope of eternal salvation through the merits of our blessed Lord and Saviour

Jesus Christ."

FOURTH READER: Abraham Lincoln said: "The Bible is God's best gift to man." FIFTH READER: Ulysses S. Grant said: "Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all of the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."

SIXTH READER: William McKinley said: "The more profoundly we study the Bible, and the more closely we observe its

divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be our destiny

as a nation."

Daily Scripture Lessons

M., Dec. 6. Jesus Taught His Messiahship. Matt. 16:13-17. T., Dec. 7. Jesus Taught Humble Service. T. Dec. 7. Jesus Taught Humble Service.
Mark 10:42-45.
W.,Dec. 8. Jesus Taught Humble Prayer.
Luke 18:9-14.
T., Dec. 9. Jesus Taught the Golden Rule.
Matt. 7:12.
F., Dec. 10. Jesus Taught Concerning Sin.
S., Dec. 11. Jesus Taught of His Death Park

Matt. 9:9-13.
S., Dec. 11. Jesus Taught of His Death For Salvation.

Sun., Dec. 12. Topic—Truths That Jesus Taught.

Matt. 4:23-25.

Taught. (Universal Bible Sunday)

SEVENTH READER: Theodore Roosevelt said: "No other book ever written in any other tongue has ever so affected the whole life of a people as the Bible has affected the lives of the English-speaking

EIGHTH READER: Woodrow Wilson said: "By the blessing of God I ascribe to Bible study the help and strength which I have had from God to pass in peace through deeper trials, in various ways, than I had ever had before; and, after having now above fourteen years tried this way, I can most fully, in the fear of God, com-

NINTH READER: Calvin Coolidge said: "The Bible has been the source of inspiration and comfort to those who have had the privilege of coming in contact with it, and wherever it goes it raises the whole standard of human relationship.'

TENTH READER: Herbert Hoover said: "The light of the Bible truth shines as a steadfast, guiding beacon on all conditions of men and in all perplexities of mind and spirit. As a nation we are indebted to the Book of books for our national ideals and representative institutions. Their preservation rests in adhering to its principles.'

PRAYER BY THE LEADER: We give Thee thanks, our Father, because Thou art see how people found their way to Thee in the long ago. We thank Thee for the truth as revealed through Thy prophets and the apostles. Most of all we thank Thee for the truth about Thyself and about ourselves as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Help us to be willing to sit at His feet and learn of Him.

HYMN: "Break Thou the Bread of Life." DISCUSSION: "What Is the Bible and What Is It For?"

READING:

THE BIBLE We search the world for truth. We cull

The good, the true, the beautiful, From graven stone and written scroll, And all old flower-fields of the soul; And, weary seekers of the best, We come back laden from our quest, To find that all the sages said, Is in the Book our mothers read. -John Greenleaf Whittier

HYMN: "Lamp of Our Feet."

Some Truths That Are Eternal I. About God

1. The spirituality of God. John 4:20-24. Jesus taught the Samaritan woman the great truth (1) that God is a Spirit; (2) that He cannot be confined to a certain place (neither in the temple at Jerusalem nor in the Samaritan temple on Mt. Gerizim); (3) that He is not to be worshiped with things nor through external forms and ceremonies,





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but being a Spirit, He must be worshiped with the Spirit and in the Spirit; (4) that God is seeking such to worship Him.

2. The Fatherhood of God. Luke 11:2. In the model prayer Jesus taught His disciples, He taught them to address God as "Our Father who art in heaven." In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6:26) He exhorted the people to put their loving trust in God, not to be over-anxious about the things to eat and about things to wear, saying, "Your heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of all these things."

3. The boundless love of God. John 3:16. "God so loved—that He gave." In the Old Testament revelation the justice and holiness and majesty of God were exalted and emphasized, but Jesus emphasized the love and mercy and compassion of God in terms that could not be misunderstood. This love knows no bounds of race, color, tribe, nation nor geographical locations.

II. About Man

1. Man is lost. Luke 19:10. "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Mankind had lost its way from God, had lost its conception of the character of the true God. Jesus came to again bring the knowledge of the true God to men, and by becoming the way to God,

help men to find Him.

2. Man needs to be twice-born. John
3:3-5-7. Jesus taught that all men need (Please turn to page 18, col. 1)

FOR DISCUSSION TIME

- 1. What did Jesus teach about sincerity?
- 2. What did Jesus teach about purity of thought?
- 3. What did Jesus teach about God's providing care?
- 4. What did Jesus teach about forgiveness of our enemies? 5. What did Jesus teach about
- alms giving?
- 6. What did Jesus teach about
- 7. What did Jesus teach about "hearing and doing his Word?"
- 8. What did Jesus teach about fruit-bearing?
- 9. What did Jesus teach about confessing him? 10. What did Jesus teach as to the
- 11. What was Jesus' idea as to the Kingdom of God?

salvation of the whole world?



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Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help. Study the Bible selections given. Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other

illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

This is another of those meetings that is easy to lead, yet its great importance makes it challenging. Again at this season everything about us proclaims the meaning and message of the day. Church services and pageants, carols and concerts, all means of communication, the very atmosphere itself says "Great Joy To All Men; the Saviour is born!" Follow up this advance preparation and direct the thinking of your Christian Endeavorers to the personal meaning to them of the Saviour's coming. Make it a holy day for them, not only a holiday.

The leader may well use the beloved Christmas carols as a foundation for the meeting. Perhaps a carol sing could be arranged for the church, or a candle-light carol vesper planned. Singing for shut-ins, around the community, in railroad terminals, hospitals, should definitely be planned. Also, don't forget to prepare baskets or other gifts for needy ones. You may be the only one who will think of these things, or be moved to plan them. Do it even now, it is not too late.

In using the carols for this meeting, learn the history and origin of as many as possible. Plan how to use them in an order that will provide a continuous "story" of that far-off wonderful first Christmas. Describe a carol, then sing it, then perhaps discuss its message. A special dramatization may be presented if desired. Strive to make your meeting something different from the usual holiday emphasis. Put something of yourself into it.

Aim of The Topic

1. To increase our appreciation for the true message of the familiar carols. It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

The theme of this carol is fulfillment. For endless ages the prophets had promised the coming of the Messiah, the "Promised

A SEED THOUGHT "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."-Charles Dickens.

Great Joy to All Men

Luke 2:1-14

(Christmas Sunday)

One of God." Now it was a reality. "It We love this came-that glorious song-.' carol doubly well, for it is one of the few written in America. A Boston minister, Dr. Edmund H. Sears, wrote it as a poem in 1849, but the next year Richard S. Willis set it to its joyous music. A minister once remarked that no matter how unequal to the great day his Christmas sermon might be, he always felt the singing of this great hymn made up for any lack.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

This hymn has the quality of making us as eye-witnesses of the birth of Christ. Another American carol, it brings to us a quiet dignity in the proclamation of the great event. A peculiar co-incident, it was also written by a clergyman from Boston, the famed and loved Phillips Brooks. Following a trip to the Holy Land, during which he spent Christmas Eve in Bethlehem he wrote these words in 1868 for the children of his Sunday school. The organist of his church, Lewis H. Redner, immediately wrote the music which so perfectly suits the words. Yes, we too can say, "How still we see thee lie-as God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heaven.

Silent Night

Whenever Christmas carols are sung this one is sure to be among them. It may well be called the carol of description. How clearly and beautifully it portrays the holy birth. This comes to us from Austria, being written by Joseph Mohr of Salsburg, in the year 1818. Perhaps the best loved of all the Christmas hymns, it has made a unique place for itself by its quiet, reverent, almost whispering message. The charming music was composed the same year by a schoolmaster from Ansdorf, one Franz Gruber. Could the message be better brought than through the beauty of this song? It is so short, yet so full of meaning!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

If we were to assign a theme to this lilting carol, it would be that it is the one of the angelic witness. Truly the angels of God proclaimed the coming of the Saviour -and they bring its message to us annually if we but harken. Coming to us from England, this number was written by the wellknown Charles Wesley in 1743. It was altered somewhat by George Whitfield in 1753. A most famous composer, Mendelssohn, provided the source of the music in 1840 though it was arranged in the form we know by William Cummings fifteen years later. It reminds us that we too should bring "Glory to the new-born King," for by Him are "God and sinners reconciled."

Away In A Manger

Martin Luther himself has left this simple but wondrous message for us, though he wrote it for his own children. It is thus a contribution from Germany. The melody was written from music by the Reverend PIECE THEM ALL TOGETHER

Discuss together the continuity of the Christmas message as it comes to us from the carols. Consider how wonderful it is that from many lands, ages, and conditions the single message is brought. Discuss the particular meaning of the words of each hymn. Then try to determine ho weach of us may make the timeless Message live among men today.

J. E. Spilman. It is difficult to imagine that anyone so dominant, so full of energy and power as Luther could write such a lovely cradle hymn as this. It is good to have this gentle message from him, for it shows us the tender side of his nature. It reflects the important place that Christmas had in his home, many preparations being made week in advance. So in our homes, there are many spiritual preparations we should make, to know the full joy of the season. This carol brings a tender personal meaning to the Christmas story. It is thus one that even a little child can understand.

I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day

This too is an American carol written by the beloved Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1864. Frederick Bullard supplied the music in 1902. This great poet of Cambridge has been called the Universal Poet, for his writings appeal to all ages. The particular message of this carol is a backward look. It proclaims the final result of of the coming of the Son of God. Out of his despair that "there is no peace," the poet discovers that because the Babe came, "the wrong shall fail, the right prevail—." The music is particularly appropriate and stirring. The bass sounds like the ringing and singing of a bell. The last four measures are from an old and very beautiful 'Amen.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Although there are many more beloved carols these will bring a rather complete Christmas Story. Each one will wish to add his own favorite. This last hymn is at once a call to us today. "O come, all ye faithful —come behold Him—O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord." A Latin hymn from Him, Christ the Lord. A Latin nymn from the 17th Century, but translated by Frederick Oakeley in 1841, is this carol. The melody is from Wade's Cantus Diversi, from 1751. "Adeste Fideles" is familiar everywhere. How may we come to Him, and adore Him properly, at this season?

Bible Messages

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F., Dec. 17. Joy for an Aged Frophet.
Luke 2:15-20
S., Dec. 18. Jesus' Mission. Luke 4:18, 19
Sun., Dec. 19. Topic—Great Joy to All Men.
Luke 2:1-14. (Christmas Sunday).

Great Joy to All Men

Luke 2:1-14

(Christmas Sunday)

Dur Aim

1. To catch the spirit of true Christ-

2. To learn some new carols and newly appreciate the great Christmas

3. To spread the "glad tidings of great joy" to others.

A Suggested Program

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: "Joy to the

The leader rises and tells the story about the hymn: "Joy to the World."

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 98:5-9 read alter-

Boys: Sing praises unto Jehovah with the harp;

Girls: With the harp and the voice of melody.

Boys: With trumpets and sound of cornet Girls: Make a joyful noise before the King, Jehovah.

Boys: Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof:

Girls: The world, and they that dwell therein;

Boys: Let the floods clap their hands; Girls: Let the hills sing for joy together.

Ail: Before Jehovah; for he cometh to judge the earth:

He will judge the world with righteousness.

And the peoples with equity.

STORY OF HYMN: "Joy to the World" SING "Joy to the World"

PRAYERS. Thanking God for sending Jesus into the world.

STORY OF HYMN. "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."

SING "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." BIBLE VERSES on which above Hymn was based.

CHRISTMAS POEMS read by those to whom they have been assigned.

SING "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," or "Angels, from the Realms of Glory."

STORY: "Jewel Rummages."

SING: "O Come, All Ye Faithful," or "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

To Open Story and Carol Portion

Let no one mistake it, Jesus came into the world to bring us joy. Look up in your New Testament and note how blessedness and joy run like golden threads through the fabric of the story of Jesus! The religion of Jesus always makes people glad.

He was heralded into the earth by the carol, "I bring you good tidings of great joy." His first sermon starts with "blessed." So many of His parables have in them this same motif. "He calleth together His friends and says, 'rejoice with me'!" (Luke 15:6. Note this note of joy throughout the chapter.) At the resurrection we are told,

"They worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God." (Luke 24:52).

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

"Your sorrow shall be turned into joy" (John 16:20, 22, 24, 33).

Phillips Brooks caught the spirit of the gospel message at Christmas when he

The earth has grown old with the burden of care.

But at Christmas it always is young. The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair.

And its soul full of music breaks forth in the air,

When the song of the angels is sung.

In many respects this is a sad old world, with its disappointed ideals, its losses, its heartaches, its sin, its death, and God looking down from heaven in pity, sent us Jesus, that our grief might be turned into

Joy to the World

"Joy to the World" is an attempt to translate, in Christian terms, the last five verses of Psalm 98. (Turn to Psalm 98 and read verses four to nine alternately, as suggested in the program.)

This hymn dates back to eighteenth-century England. It was written by Charles Wesley and published in 1739. It was not modeled after any particular passage of Scripture, but it is full of phrases taken from the Bible. Study it to see how many Bible references you can identify. (Read Luke 2:13, 14; Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 9:6; Malachi 4:2a; John 3:3.) Such studies will make the music of the church far more interesting and helpful to us all.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!" is another of the very popular Christmas hymns. Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, the great spiritual reformer, lived from 1707-1788. He has probably written more popular hymns than any other. This Christmas hymn was written in 1739. Think that for almost two hundred years people have been singing this beautiful hymn. I wonder how much good it has done! How its sweet message has multiplied through the years. "Oh, the good we all can do as the days are going by!" We may not be able to write hymns. We may not even be able to sing them as solos, but we can join with others in making inspiring these great Christmas hymns.

Look up other Christmas hymns. Find out something about the authors, the musicwriters, the message the words carry, and have these sung and discussed in meeting. This is a Christian music meeting. Make it Intermediate



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Jewel Rummages

School had closed for the Christmas vacation. Jewel McDonald walked disconsolately home. She was alone. She did not want company. Times were hard. Her father had been out of work for several months. She didn't mind not receiving any Christmas presents herself, but not to be able to give, that was just too much. Why, she couldn't even send cards this year.

"Hello, Jewel. Wait a minute. I've chased you three blocks," said Edna Howard breathlessly. "Say, there's a poor family with eight children living in a box-car down by the yards. Can't we do something for them?"

"I can't do anything for anybody," replied Jewel. "You know dad's been out of work for a long time and George makes so little. It just won't be Christmas this year.' Tears filled Jewel's eyes.

"I know," replied Edna. "Everybody's hard up, but you're clever. You just put on your thinking cap and devise ways and means for a real Christmas for those Mc-Knight kiddies. I'll see you later." Edna hurried on.

"Devise ways and means." Jewel shrugged her shoulders. Hadn't she used up all her ingenuity on that very thing for her family? Anyhow she had succeeded. A smile of satisfaction chased away the tears. Mother was to have that scarf Aunt Jennie had sent her. Ten-year-old Jessica was to have Jewel's last big doll which had been put away in tissue paper for safe keeping. What was the use of saving it anyway, and Jessica had always wanted it. Three-year-old Sue was to have the dearest little coat made out of Jewel's old red dress. George was to have that keyring that Cousin Ed had sent to her and she had never used, and dad was to have two new ties made out of silk scraps she had found. Jewel's heart glowed as she thought of the happy surprises she had in store for her beloved family on Christmas morning.

"Why, of course I can," she said suddenly oud. "Of course I can make something aloud. for those McKnight children.'

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Scripture Texts

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Luke 2:25-32.
S., Dec. 18. Jesus' Mission
Prov. 3:1-7; Phil. 2:12-16.
S., Dec. 19., Topic—Great Joy to All Men.
Luke 2:1-14. (Christmas Sunday).



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Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This meeting is the last one of the year. It should be one that will give a good send-off for the year ahead. If there has not been an opportunity for pledge signing re-cently, perhaps the leader, president, devo-tional chairman, and counsellor could work out an effective meeting built around the re-dedication of members for the days

Emphasis always seems to be placed on the individual; on his errors of the past and resolutions for the future at this season. Perhaps it would be well to consider the individual, his errors and resolutions, but in relation to his society and church. This may develop more spiritual thinking in regard to the New Year. Don't let the dis-cussion be "all talk" but make plans for making that right turn ahead.

Aim of The Topic

1. To examine one's self in relation to his society and his spiritual growth. 2. To make definite steps forward for improvement.

A New Year? What Is It?

The New Year is just a time when the page is turned, and a new story lies ahead. It is not necessary to be burdened down with mistakes, problems, and fears. Here is an opportunity to forget the past and start out anew.

Paul gives a helpful verse in today's Scripture, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." No matter what the past has been, leave it behind and forget it, moving on to greater things. If some were to look back

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T., Dec. 23. Leave Sins Behind
Ezek, 18:30-32.

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Gal. 2:19-21.
Sun., Dec. 26. Topic—Right Turn Ahead!
Phil. 3:13, 14. (The New Year).

Right Turn Ahead!

Philippians 3:13,14

on the past, they might be tempted to slap on the past, they might be compared themselves on the back, and say, "Well themselves on the back, and say, "Well faithful one." But, if done, thou good and faithful one. those same ones were to look ahead to greater opportunities of service, they could more readily see their failings. Then, too, there is the other angle of those who look back and see how little has been accomplished, and then become too discouraged to "reach forth unto those things which are before." Always look ahead!

The Spirit of '54

Take account of yourself as you have been in this year of 1954. Don't take time to answer these questions now, but let each one think on them, as they can be answered during the discussion period. Was it a year of society growth, good health, and worthwhile activity, or one of no advancement, deficiency, and just time-consuming activity? As you glance back at the program, was it monotonous or varied, Christ-centered or self-centered, social or religious, friendly or cliquish, reverent or boisterous, planned or "just happened"? Which attitude did you encourage?

Did anyone attempt to exert any influence on the total group that the meetings might be more Christian? Were others in the church and community invited to share in the meetings or would that have broken up a tight little "family circle" of the society? Were personal testimonies given at consecration meetings or were Bible verses the easiest way out, or wasn't it observed at all? Was any service or missionary project carried out or were you too busy entertaining yourselves? Have you attended and participated in local union activities and in the larger fellowship opportunities, or have you let transportation, school activities, or other excuses make them look unimportant? Have you co-operated with the denomination, or are you wondering why they haven't co-operated with you? Have you helped new people to lead meetings or do you overwork the long-time members? Have you won even one soul to Christ?

Jesus Assures Forgiveness

It is good to have the promise that Jesus forgives our every sin. We need but confess, believe His promise, and ask His pardon, to receive the blessed gift of forgiveness. No matter how fine a society we have had this past year, there can be found mistakes and sins (at least of omission!). Admit them, confess them before Christ, receive His forgiveness, and start anew. Now is the time to reconsecrate one's self to the cause of Jesus Christ; now is the time to revitalize the Christian Endeavor society.

Young people sometimes sign the Christian Endeavor Pledge, then forget or neglect to live up to it. This Pledge provides the secret of success. Think for a moment of its provisions. Daily prayer, as promised, remembering the needs of the society and members, would have strengthened the group. In the reading of God's Word, direction would have been received and inspiration given for improving the society. Being faithful at church and its activities would have attracted others to Christian Endeavor. The part most directly connected with the society is where a member prom-

A SEED THOUGHT "We mount the pinnacle of fame not by looking, but by climbing."

ises to be true to all duties and also to take an active part in the meetings. IF THIS WERE FAITHFULLY DONE, THE SO-CIETY COULD NOT FAIL. The most important part of all is "Trusting in the Lord" Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." Have you done your best? Jesus assures us of His help.

Make That Right Turn

Looking ahead at the New Year there is a right turn to make. Don't be discouraged by past mistakes, but "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

Make a plan for the coming year and work that plan. Invite others to attend, be friendly with them, and have interesting meetings to attract and hold them. Encourage personal testimonies by setting the pattern yourself. Do something worthwhile for those less fortunate than yourselves.

A BACKWARD AND A FORWARD LOOK

Make a chart on the blackboard, or prepare individual sheets, that the society may together look back at '54 and ahead to '55. Improvements may be made beginning NOW! (Below is a sample. Add others according to your own needs.)

> What What Did Will in ln 1954 1955

- 1. Have a planned program?
- 2. Have reverent meetings?
- 3. Did "you" invite new members?
- 4. Wére "you" friendly to newcomers?
- 5. Have consecration meetings?
- 6. Bible verses only or personal testimonies, too?
- 7. Service projects?
- 8. Missionary project?
- 9. Participated in activities: Denominational? County Christian
 - Endeavor? State Christian Endeavor?
- Other?
- 10. Developed new leaders?
- 11. Win a soul for Christ?
- 12. Pray daily?
- 13. Read Bible daily?
- 14. Fulfill Society duties?
- 15. Do "whatever" He would have you do?

Right Turn Ahead!

Proverbs 3:1-7; Philippians 2:12-16

Our Aim

1. To face the New Year bravely, hopefully and cheerfully.

2. To learn the lessons of the past and go confidently into the next year.

3. To fulfill the hopes of God for our ives.

To Open the Meeting

What a wonderful thing a new year is! It gives you a sense of new beginningsno one has walked this way before, no one has lived the days of this year, no one has messed it up with a lot of mistakes and half-hearted attempts to reach their goals.

We're not sure what it will bring us. Happiness—sure, if we are sure what happiness is and how we can find it. Opportunities-plenty of them: a whole bucketful every day. Sadness—possibly, for it is a part of the experience which everyone faces and which no one can predict. Tough luck plenty of that. Accomplishments—we certainly hope so.

Tonight let's look backward and forward

to make the right turn ahead.

Open the discussion by asking the members of your group to refer to the schedule which they have kept for a week of how they spend their time. It may be helpful if you will put on the blackboard a list of some of the more important things which young people do with their time. Have those members who worked this schedule out carefully make a report on the amount of time they spend on the various activities.

Pass pencil and paper and ask all of the group members to work out for themselves an estimate of the time they spend in doing these various things. (Of course if all of the members kept a schedule during the preceding week you will not need to have it done again at this time.) With these schedules before them, the members will be able to answer the following questions:

About how much time did we spend on activities which we are more or less compelled to engage in?

How much free time do we have each

day?
When school opens, how much time will it take from our present free time?

Problems We Have Faced

During the Past Year

The group will probably list some such

1. School work takes so much of my time that I cannot do many of the things I should like to do. How shall I decide which are the more important things?

2. How can we guard against the temptation of giving our time to unworthy and unimportant activities? The radio, televi-

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sion, the automobile, the newspaper, and magazines—all make worthwhile interests and activities available, but they also offer opportunities for opposite types of interests and activities.

3. The most difficult problem I have is to plan a variety of things to do with my time. I let one thing become important and then do it day after day, although it may not be very useful or even much fun.

4. What should we do when we want to do something in connection with the church but the school takes so much time that we have to use all of our spare time on home-

Give time to face these questions:

Is the use I make of free time helpful to

Does it improve and enrich my life? Does it contribute to the enjoyment and profit of others?

Does it injure me in any way? Does it injure or annoy others?

Make the Right Turn

Don't look back when you should be looking forward. A group of men were hiking over the hills at Valley Forge. One of them in jovial spirit ran ahead and yelled, "Charge!" He ran down the hill and, as he ran, looked back to see if the men were coming. But his foot struck a stump and he went headlong, to the merriment of the other fellows. When a fellow is making a charge, he would better watch his step to see where he is going.

The value of a right objective is a lesson we do well to learn. A man who won in preparatory school and college foot races for seven years in succession, said, "When I ran, I thought of nothing but the goal. Often I was so done out before I reached it that I would have fallen exhausted were it not for the power the goal seemed to have to make me hold on." Many a time a runner crosses the tape and falls helpless in the arms of the coach who was waiting for

Paul did that very thing in his Christian life. He kept the goal ever before him-to be like Christ. As we close another year and look forward to the new year, can we honestly say, "This is my goal—to be like Christ"? "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus!" Do we try to have the forgiving, sacrificing, purposeful spirit of Jesus?

No person will go higher than his goal. The years teach us the importance of right thinking, of right ideals. What is the thing we desire most to be?

To be like Christ in character and achievement is greater than any earthly achievement. Do you believe that? To be true to Christ is the greatest achievement. What difference whether we have flown in the air, or ridden in an ox-cart, at the end of the day when we stand before the great King? The new year challenges us to high ideals. Do you accept the challenge?

To Make the Right Turn

Florence Nightingale wrote Miss Hannah Nicholson: "Life is no holiday game, nor a clever book, nor is it a school of instrucIntermediate



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tion, nor a valley of tears; but it is a hard fight, a struggle, a wrestling with the Principle of Evil, hand to hand, foot to foot. Every inch of the way must be disputed.'

A boy, listening to the mythical story of Pegasus, the winged horse, suddenly ex-claimed: "Pegasus could not travel on the dirt road, Auntie, because he was made for the 'sky road.' Men were made for the 'sky road'; when they travel the 'dirt road' it is because they have rejected God's guiding principles."

This new year is a prize. No one has earned it; no one deserves it; it truly is a gift with 365 days attached. Moreover, this year is a gift of God. New Year's Day reminds us that we, too, have a prize, a gift, "the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" for our lives. It will be just like that if we make the right turns ahead.

A Project

Have some members ready to report on famous characters who have made their own lives more interesting or who have rendered great contributions to the world through their use of leisure time. The Wright brothers, for instance, began their experimenting with airplanes in their spare time. The greatest authority on snowflakes is Wilson A. Bentley, who is not a professional scientist. Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice in Wonderland," was a mathematician. King George VI collected stamps. Others who are more familiar but no less interesting are: George Eastman, Edison, Benjamin Franklin, Mendel, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Henry Ford.

TO START DISCUSSION

1. What have you learned during the past year about the following, and give if you can, specific examples from your own experience:

About the value of faith; of hope;

of forgiving;

Of the evil of unkind speaking.

Of wasting time.
Of employing a little time each day for reading, prayer, meditation on high themes; of the danger of putting off.

2. Is there any way we can insure

having future happiness?
3 What right turns could make us more effective in the new year?

a. In our relationships at home? b. With our classmates at school?

c. With our teachers in school?

d. In our spiritual life?
4. What right turns could your CE take to insure a better year of activity?

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(Continued from page 13, col. 3) to be spiritually as well as physically born. Sometimes in everyone's life must come a moment of spiritual decision, of personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour from sin and as the Lord and Master of his life. The circumstances and nature of this conversion may differ as to age and emotional and temperamental experiences, but the fact itself must be personalized by every one.

3. The brotherhood of man. Luke 11:2. Matthew 6:26. Whenever and wherever Jesus referred to God as "Our heavenly Father"-by direct implication He taught the brotherhood of man. All men are the potential sons of God, made in God's image. Notice, all men are the potential sons of God-they possess the possibilities, the capacities of the sons of God, but they need by an act of their faith and wills to be born again by the power of the Spirit of God, so that their hearts, their natures may be changed into the loving, unselfish, sacrificial character as that of God Himself.

III. About Greatness

1. Service the test of greatness. Mark 10:35-45. Jesus taught and demonstrated a new kind of greatness. The ideas of greatness in the minds of James and John were positions of prominence and of authority, in which others would serve and obey them. Jesus taught the surprising, revolutionizing truth—that true greatness consisted in rendering service to others. Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be the servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many.

TOO PERSONAL!

A NEWSPAPER Editor with space to spare, had the Ten Commandments set up and ran them without Editorial comment. The next day he received a letter from a subscriber which said: "Cancel my subscription: you're getting too personal!" (From The Tatler).



DISCUSS OUTDOOR POSTER



Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of International Society, shows G. C. Waldron, general manager of the Columbus Outdoor Advertising Company, the original painting for Christian Endeavor's poster panel as he discusses plans for the distribution in the Columbus area in connection with Christian Endeavor Week. Deadline for Unions ordering posters is November 15. These may be secured through International Society at Columbus, Ohio.

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Jewel hurried through with her dinner and helped clear things away. Then she began her search. She rummaged forgotten corners of closet shelves, old boxes in the garage, old trunks in the storeroom. By evening her room was a veritable junkshop. She had phoned Edna her plan and now the two girls sat sorting and planning. Edna had rummaged a box of old toys and had added her collection to that of Jewel's. For three days the two girls spent every spare moment cutting and sewing. Mr. Mc-Donald had helped by mending the toys and it was he who had gone out to the Randolph farm for the tree. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. McDonald had baked extra pies and cakes and added jams and jellies for the Christmas dinner.

"Oh, mother," cried Jewel, as she shook the snow from her coat on Christmas eve. I never had such a wonderful time. It's been so exciting getting ready and you should have seen those kiddies when dad set up the tree, and Edna and I unloaded our baskets. It was wonderful. I'm thrilled all through. Come on, let's fix our tree. Isn't it going to be a jolly Christmas?"—Ina Snow in Young People's Leader.

For Next Week

Ask the members of your group to keep a schedule of their time and activities throughout the next week and then to bring it to the society meeting as the basis for discussion of the New Year's topic.

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Teacher-How did the Dark Ages get its name?

Pupil-It was knight time.

Dentist: "Pardon me for a moment, please, but before I begin this work, I must have my drill."

Patient: "Good heavens, can't you fix a charge of the property of the property

tooth without a rehearsal?

- How D'ye Feel "Corking," said the bottle.

- "Juicy," said the bottle,
 "Juicy," said the orange,
 "Punk," said the firecracker,
 "Fine," said the judge,
 "First class," said the postmaster,
 "Grand," said the piano,
 "Ripping," said the basting thread.
- "Keen," said the knife.
- "All done up," said the shirt.

Six-year-old Jerry came downstairs bel-lowing lustily. "What's the matter?" asked his mother.

"Papa was hanging pictures and he just

hit his thumb with a hammer," said Jerry.
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Conference, Columbus, Ohio

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Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-presient of International Society, was the lain speaker at a Christian Emphasis and Revival Week conducted by the arrison County Christian Endeavor nion in cooperation with Salem Colge at Salem College and the Methoist Temple in Clarksburg, West Virinia, the week of October 4.

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